

For the past two years, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has been providing free smoke alarms to Kansas fire departments participating in our **Get Alarmed Kansas** program. Our aim is that no Kansan should be left unprotected by not having working smoke alarms in their home.

But what if they can't hear the alarm? We are proud to now offer free alarm devices for deaf and hard-of-hearing Kansans that react to the sound of the actual smoke alarm with loud sounds, flashing lights and by vibrating the person's pillow.

Topeka TV station WIBW Channel 13 broadcast a nice report on this program which you can view by clicking <u>here</u>.



To participate in the program you must...

- A. Answer all the questions on the order form (see #2 below)
- B. Be a Kansas resident
- C. NOT live in an institutional facility (nursing home, hospital, etc.)



The order form is located on the Get Alarmed section of our website.

The form MUST be certified by a health care professional, such as a physician, audiologist, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, speech pathologist, or vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Devices you can request include Strobe by Gentex, Bedside Clock with Shaker, or both.



Your completed order form should be submitted to kelly.ingold@ks.gov, or by mail to: Office of the State Fire Marshal, 800 SW Jackson St., Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66612-1216

Once approved by our office, the alarms will be delivered to your home by a participating fire department or OSFM representative who can ensure the alarms are set-up properly and you know how to use them.

If you have additional questions, call Kelly Ingold at 785-291-3586.